

opinion when applied to operative surgery: "Brilliant surgeons are not always the best surgeons. The best results in surgery follow the one who is most painstaking in following out the minutest details.

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A GUIDE TO THE INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES REQUIRED IN VARIOUS OPERATIONS. By A. W. MAYO ROBSON, F.R.C.S., England. Surgeon to the Leeds Infirmary, Lecturer on Practical Surgery at the Yorkshire College, etc. London, J. & A. Churchill. St. Louis, Mo., J. H. Chambers & Co., 914 Locust Street.

The type of a certain class of misadventures to which the surgeon is liable is to find in the middle of performing an amputation far away from home that the saw has been forgotten. But there are many misfortunes less than this from which he will be protected who makes use of the admirably and accurately made lists of Mr. Mayo Robson. By personal experience we have found them very reliable. They are compiled by a practical man well versed in antiseptics. The book is small, and easily carried in the pocket if required.

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SCHEME OF THE ANTISEPTIC METHOD OF WOUND TREATMENT. By DR. ALBERT HOFFA. Privatdocent in the University of Würzburg. Translated from the German, with additions, by special permission of the author, by AUG. SCHACHNER, M.D., PH.G. (Louisville, Ky.)

Louisville, The Bradley & Gilbert Company, 1890. St. Louis, Mo., J. H. Chambers, 914 Locust Street.

The author has arranged in tabular form, for ready reference, an abstract of the entire subject of antiseptic and aseptic treatment. It forms an excellent remembrance and a most valuable help to the recollection of the minute details so necessary to the attainment of a perfect result and so liable to be forgotten. The translator has put the matter into correct idiomatic English and has completed it by a number of additions.

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DIE VERLETZUNGEN UND CHIRURGISCHEN ERKRANKUNGEN DER PERIPHERISCHEN NERVEN. VON DR. T. KOLLIKER, [Privatdocent in Leipzig] Deutsche Chirurgie, Lieferung, 24 b, Stuttgart, 1890.

THE INJURIES AND SURGICAL DISEASES OF THE PERIPHERAL NERVES. Price, 4M 80, about \$1.20. St. Louis, Mo., J. H. Chambers, 914 Locust Street.

The field covered by the present number of this well-known encyclopedic work can be best indicated by its general headings. Literature (26 pages, and not perfectly complete at that); Anatomical Introduction, on the histology of the peripheral nerves (pp. 3); Injuries of Peripheral Nerves, including their surgical treatment (pp. 46); Foreign Bodies in Peripheral Nerves (pp. 3); Inflammation of same (pp. 9); Operations on Nerves, for Paralysis, Neuralgia, Tabes, etc., (pp. 40); Hypertrophies and tumors (pp. 19).

In this space the author has succeeded in giving considerable attention to even the many minor divisions of the subject. Although there is but limited scope for originality, it is very satisfactory to find that, in treating a department in the main of such recent growth, his evident